

# TWO PEOPLES BAY MANAGEMENT PLAN

## Introduction

Two Peoples Bay Reserve is situated approximately 15 miles east of Albany and is vested in the Western Australian Wild Life Authority. It was set aside for the purpose of "Conservation of Fauna" in April 1966 following the rediscovery of the Noisy Scrub Bird (*Atrichornis clamosus*) in the area in 1961. Subsequently a number of other interesting and rare species have been found to occur there, and these include the Western Whip Bird, the Bristle Bird, the Southern Emu-Wren, the Quokka, the Honey Possum, the Ringtail Possum, the Yellow-footed Marsupial Mouse and the Water Rat.

C.S.I.R.O. officers commenced research on the Noisy Scrub Bird in 1963, and studies have been made firstly of the bird's song, and more recently of its ecology and behaviour. A field station is being erected to facilitate further research work.

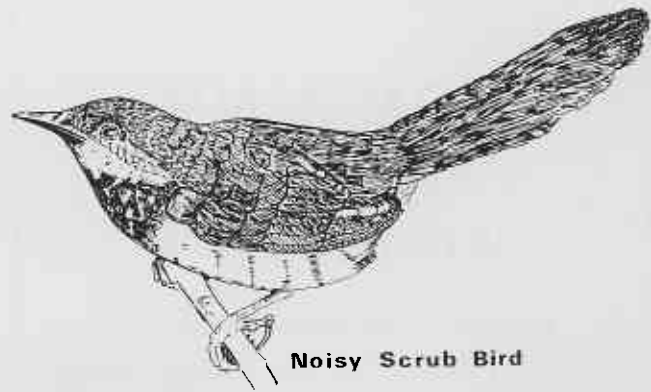
While the main value of the reserve is the rare fauna it contains, it is also very attractive to tourists because of its fame as the locality of the Noisy Scrub Bird, the scenery and the excellent fishing facilities. The high degree of public usage led to the appointment of a ranger in August 1970 who is housed in a cottage near the main beach and picnic area.

The danger of fire is the greatest problem for management personnel. The Noisy Scrub Bird probably remains in the locality because of the lack of frequent fires in the Mount Gardner area, which is protected from prevailing winds from the south-west and east; but fire in the reserve as a whole has been relatively common over the past four years, and the heathland burns easily at almost any time, even immediately after heavy rain. Heath will carry a fire again after only three years regrowth and other types of vegetation are probably similar in this respect.

Another management problem is the continual multiplication of vehicle tracks on the sanctuary. Much of the area is sandy and when a track becomes boggy it is relatively easy to drive across the heath and another track soon results. This problem will continue while there are no good roads on the reserve.

## Aims of the Management Plan

The primary aim of any plan for the Two Peoples Bay Wildlife Sanctuary must be to protect and conserve the Noisy Scrub Bird and all other native flora and fauna. Secondly, the plan should allow controlled public usage and provide facilities in such a way that the primary aim of conservation is not compromised. Thirdly, the plan should provide for continuing research to be carried out into the requirements of the fauna, the regeneration of the flora after fire, the effects of fire on the fauna, fire control methods and the impact of human usage on the area.



## Management Plan

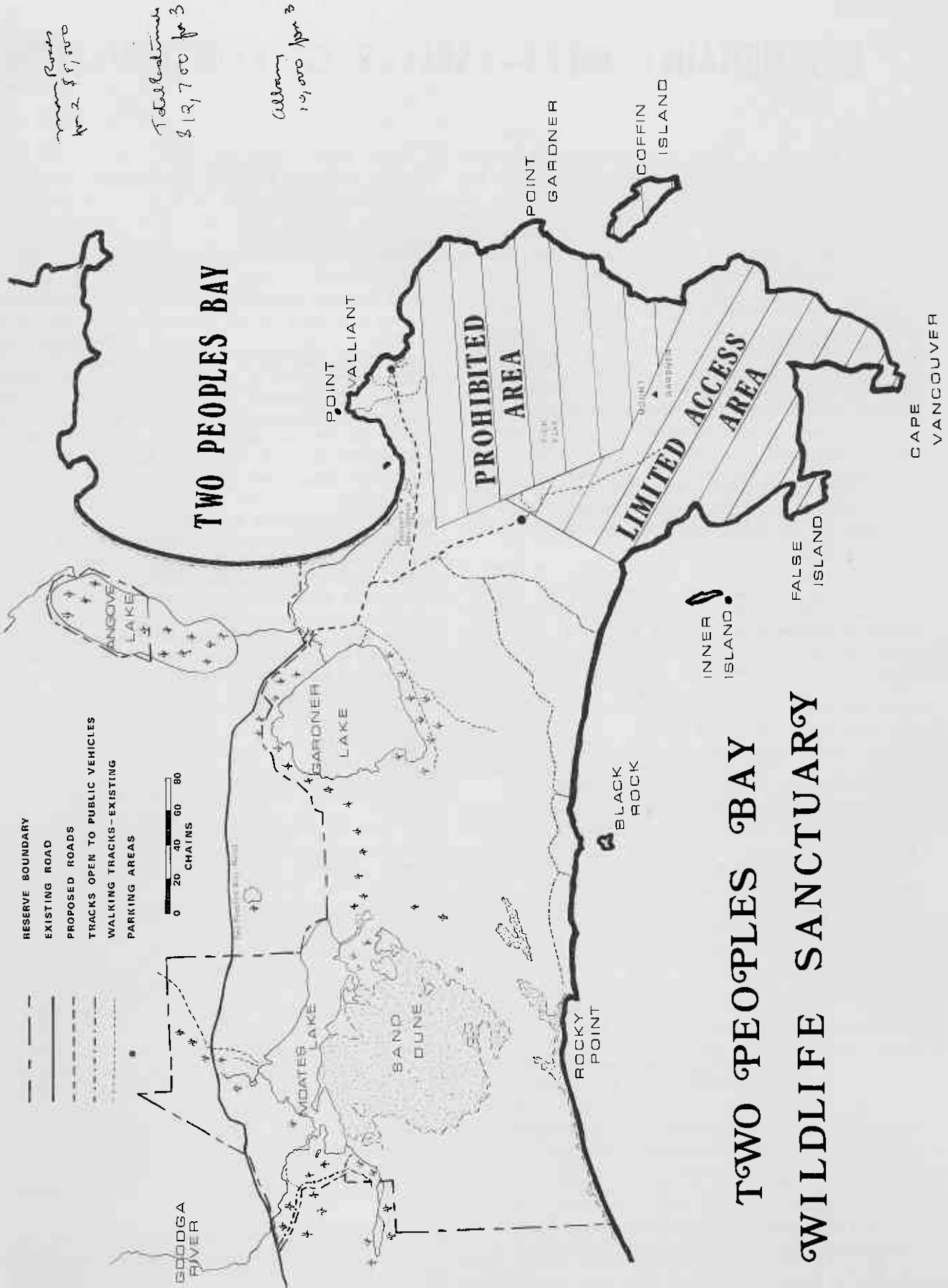
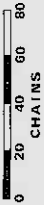
The following recommendations have been made by the Western Australian Wild Life Authority, and approved by the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Fauna.

1. That roads be constructed from the bridge over Lake Gardner Creek through the reserve, roughly as shown on the map. Parking areas to be constructed at the end of the roads as shown.
2. That apart from these roads, only those tracks which are indicated on the map remain open to public use. No vehicle may use any other track unless authorized by the Chief Warden of Fauna or the resident ranger.
3. That a limited number (approximately six) of barbecue places be constructed in the picnic area near the ranger's cottage. No fires to be lit elsewhere in the reserve.
4. That a toilet-changing room block be built near the picnic area and main beach.
5. That the firebreak system be progressively enlarged so that the perimeter breaks exist on all boundaries, and further internal breaks be created by use of a topper instead of a bull-dozer.
6. That walking tracks be marked out from the area below "Tick Flat" to Mt. Gardner and Cape Vancouver.
7. That research be continued or carried out into—
  - (a) the ecology of the Noisy Scrub Bird and methods of management to ensure its persistence;
  - (b) the effect of fire on the fauna and flora;
  - (c) the number of animals and plants occurring in the reserve.
  - (d) Any other factor which the Officer-in-Charge of Reserve Management deems necessary and practical.
8. That notices be erected on the reserve advertising this plan and the regulations. That a brochure be printed giving details of the reserve and usage of the area.

Following acceptance of this Management Plan the two areas shown on the map were classified as prohibited and limited access areas. Notice of this classification appeared in the *Government Gazette* on June 25, 1971.

# LEGEND

- RESERVE BOUNDARY
- EXISTING ROAD
- - - PROPOSED ROADS
- · - · - TRACKS OPEN TO PUBLIC VEHICLES
- · - · - WALKING TRACKS - EXISTING
- PARKING AREAS



*main Roads  
Apr 2 \$ 1,000*

*Total boundaries  
\$ 12,700 Apr 3*

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14,000 Apr 3*

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